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To: County Board of Commissioners

Public Act 32 of 1986 (as amended) requires the Emergency Telephone Service Committee (ETSC) to certify quarterly to the Department of Treasury which Michigan counties will be eligible to receive wireless E9-1-1 funds. In accordance with the act, all counties have provided the following information towards compliance for current certification:

- Documentation of a final 9-1-1 plan, approved by that county's board of commissioners.
- The final 9-1-1 plan with incorporated reference to FCC Docket 94-102, the wireless emergency service order.
- Phase I wireless 9-1-1 compliance.

At its meeting on September 21, 2004, the ETSC certified all Michigan counties in compliance with the act and eligible to receive wireless surcharge disbursements for 3rd quarter FY 2003/04. The ETSC will certify all Michigan counties again in December 2004 for 4th quarter FY 2003/04.

Michigan counties will need to meet the next level of wireless 9-1-1 compliance in 2005 to receive certification in 2005. Pertinent portions of the act regarding <u>future eligibility requirements</u> are printed below. Please note that the next deadlines enumerated are June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2005.

"A county shall be compliant with Phase 1 implementation by June 30, 2004 and Phase 2 implementation by June 30, 2005. A county that is not compliant with Phase 1 implementation by June 30, 2004 and Phase 2 implementation by June 30, 2005 shall use the disbursements received under subsection (6) (a) and (b) only for purposes of becoming compliant. A county that is not compliant with Phase 1 implementation by December 31, 2004 and Phase 2 implementation by December 31, 2005 is not eligible to receive disbursements under subsection 6 (a) and (b). Once the committee determines that a county is not eligible to receive disbursements is compliant; the county shall begin receiving disbursements again under subsection (6) (a) (b). As used in this subsection, "compliant" means the county has installed equipment that is capable, and at a state of readiness, to deploy wireless service for all CMRS providers within a county's 9-1-1 service district or districts."

This letter and the enclosed instructions will serve as your county's initial process for wireless funds certification in 2005. In effort to collect Michigan 9-1-1 information in a uniform manner the ETSC is requesting the following information from **all** Michigan Counties:



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- Counties wishing to receive sixth-year certification funds must forward a written request by January 31, 2005, to the <u>Michigan Department of Treasury</u>, <u>Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis</u>, 430 W. Allegan Street, <u>Lansing</u>, 48922. A sample letter is enclosed for your reference.
- 2. The enclosed Sixth-Year Certification form must be completed and postmarked by
 - **January 31, 2005**. The form is to be mailed to: <u>Emergency Telephone Service</u> Committee, 714 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823.
- 3. If your county's 9-1-1 plan has been changed in the past 12 months or is currently
 - open for a pending change, please forward a copy to the <u>Emergency Telephone</u> <u>Service Committee</u> at the address above by **January 31**, **2005** and indicate the changes (or pending changes) on your plan.

Since the act requires a **county** to be in compliance with its requirements, questions have arisen regarding what is required of counties with multiple Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

- 1. <u>Question</u>: If a county has multiple PSAPs receiving 9-1-1 wireless calls and all but one PSAP meets the compliance deadlines, will the county be disqualified from receiving its disbursement, or a proportion of its disbursement?
 - <u>Answer</u>: **Yes!** The whole county must be in compliance in order to receive any disbursement of funds.
- Question: If a county has multiple PSAPs, but one PSAP is receiving all 9-1-1 calls placed in that county, will non-compliance by one or more of the other PSAPs disqualify a county?
 - <u>Answer:</u> **No!** As long as all wireless 9-1-1 calls in the county are received by a PSAP in compliance with the requirements of Public Act 244, the county will be eligible to receive its disbursement.

In the spring of 2005, the ETSC will formally address the certification of counties for the 1st quarter FY 2004/05. In accordance with P.A. 32, certification takes place quarterly and any county not certified on that date will be ineligible to receive funds for that quarter.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process. As Phase 2 wireless 9-1-1 moves forward, the ETSC will be requesting information from your county in the future in order to determine the status of Phase 2 wireless deployments in Michigan and to ensure continuing compliance with the act.

The Emergency Telephone Service Committee commends your county's commitment to public safety! Together we can ensure Michigan will be a safer place by providing for the effective use of wireless 9-1-1 location technology.

Sincerely,



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